

Remarks

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-12 and 15 have been allowed. Claims 20 and 24 have been objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 16-19 and 21-22 have been rejected. In response, Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-12 and 15 and for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 20 and 24. Regarding the rejections of claims 16-19 and 21-22, the Applicants respectfully disagree, however, to expedite prosecution Applicants have amended claims 16 and 20 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claims 20 and 24, thus obviating the rejections. However, Applicants hereby reserve the rights to pursue the cancelled/unamended claims in a continuation. Accordingly, claims 20 and 24 have been canceled. Claims 4-8, 10-12, 16-20 and 22-23 thus remain pending in the application.

Specification Objections

The Examiner objected to the Specification for failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter of "storage medium" in claim 21. Applicants respectfully disagree. Figure 1 and its corresponding description in paragraphs 0016 and 0017 illustrates and presents an exemplary computing device suitable for practicing the invention. Among the components is memory 150 (a storage medium) containing software components, and paragraph 0017 discloses that software components may be loaded from a computer readable medium (a storage medium). Thus the term storage medium is fully supported by the original disclosure. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claim 16 for a typographical error. Accordingly, the Applicants have amended claim 16 to correct the error.

Allowable Subject Matter

As summarized above, the Examiner allowed claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-12 and 15. The Examiner also indicated allowable subject matter in claims 20 and 24 if rewritten into independent form. Although the Applicants believe that independent claims 16 and 21 are allowable without incorporating the limitations of respective claims 20 and 24, in order to expedite prosecution, claims 16 and 21 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 20 and 24.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

In the above-identified Office Action, claims 16 and 17 were rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,952,799 to *Edwards et al.* (hereinafter “Edwards”) under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 16-17 are patentable over Edwards without having to rewrite claim 16 into independent form. However, as noted above, in order to advance prosecution, claim 16 has been amended to recite the allowable subject matter of claim 20. Because the allowable limitations of claim 20 have been incorporated into independent claim 16, the rejection is obviated. Claim 16 is therefore allowable. Claim 17 depends from claim 16 and should be allowable as well. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections to claims 16-17 and allowance of the claims.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

In the subject office action, claims 18-19 and 21-22 were rejected as being unpatentable over Edwards under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 18-19 and 21-22 are patentable over Edwards without having to rely on subject matter in allowable claim 16. However, as noted above, in order to advance prosecution, claim 16 has been amended to recite the allowable subject matter of claim 20, and is thus now patentable over Edwards. Dependent claims 18-19 depend from claim 16, incorporating its recitations. Thus, for at least the same reasons that claim 16 is patentable over Edwards, claims 18-19 are now also patentable.

Similarly, claim 21 has also been amended to recite the allowable subject matter of claim 24, and is thus now patentable over Edwards. Dependent claims 22 and 23 depend from claim 21 incorporating its recitations. Thus, for at least the same reasons that claim 21 is patentable over Edwards, claims 22 and 23 are now also patentable.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is solicited. As a result of the amendments made herein, Applicant submits that that all pending claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-12, 15-19 and 21-23 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present paper, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (206) 407-1561. If any fees are due in connection with filing this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the Deposit Account of Schwabe, Williamson and Wyatt, P.C., No. 50-0393.

Respectfully submitted,
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